

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 12th, 2023

Congrats To the Newly Licenced Operators

Many congrats and welcome to all those who passed the recent HAREC exam. We look forward to hearing your new callsigns on the air. Newly licensed members are asked to contact the IRTS Treasurer and Member Records Officer David Gardiner at [memrecords /at/ irts.ie](mailto:memrecords@irts.ie) so he can update the records.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The annual SEARG Christmas Get-together will take place this year on Saturday, December 9th in the same location as last year which is the Waterford Marina Hotel, Canada Street, Waterford City. The evening will be a very informal event with a few drinks and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Tickets for the dinner cost €37.50 per person and must be pre-booked in advance. The club extends the hands of friendship and a very warm welcome to anyone who is not a club member to come along on the night and join in the festive activities.

Whether you may be a licensed operator, an 11m operator, or maybe a SWL, you are all very welcome to come along and join them to round off what was another excellent year for the club. For more information or to book dinner tickets, please contact their Events Coordinator, Edwin EI2HEB as soon as possible please. To find out more about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Shannon Basin Radio Club Hosting the IRTS AGM Weekend 2024

As announced last week, Shannon Basin Radio Club is delighted to host the 2024 IRTS AGM Weekend. It will take place in the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway over the weekend of the 13th and 14th of April 2024. Radio-related activities will take place on the Saturday afternoon which will be followed by the IRTS Gala Dinner that night. The Shannon Basin Radio Club rally will then commence on the Sunday morning. The rally will then be followed by the IRTS 2024 AGM which will take place on Sunday afternoon April 14th.

The radio rally is wholly organised by the club and the members are eager to build on the huge success and diversity of last year's show. Applications for trader and club tables for the rally are now open. Traders and clubs will be contacted directly over the coming days, but you are invited to email [admin /at/ sbrc.ie](mailto:admin@sbrc.ie) for more information especially if you were not able to participate in last year's radio rally. Further details about the weekend's event will be announced over the coming weeks.

Software Defined Radio Talk Hosted by South Dublin Radio Club

South Dublin Radio Club wish to remind everyone that Mark EI4ACB will present an “Introduction to Software Defined Radio” on Tuesday November 14th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome to attend at the community centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham in Dublin. The talk will begin with a brief introduction to the fundamental principles that lie at the heart of Software Defined Radio (SDR). This will be followed by practical demonstrations of many popular SDR products available. There will also be a live stream of the event for anyone who cannot attend. You are invited to contact the South Dublin Radio Club through their website for details.

North Dublin Radio Club Celebrating 50 Years

As reported recently, the North Dublin Radio Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The club wishes to remind everyone that as part of their celebrations, they would like to invite their many past members to the Christmas party to make it a special one to remember. Traditionally, their party is held during the week preceding Christmas. If you'd like to come along and celebrate with them, please contact Tony EI6K on 086 298 5776 to express your interest. The deadline is December 1st.

IrishFest 2024 – A Reminder to Clubs and Stations

In recent weeks, we reported that the Milwaukee Irish Fest is seeking clubs in Ireland that might be interested in linking up during the event. IrishFest promotes and celebrate all aspects of Irish, Irish American, and Celtic cultures. It is held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA during August. You are invited to contact the IRTS secretary, Owen EI4GGB via email to [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie) to learn more.

Ireland's First Satellite

Six years ago, the European Space Agency announced the selection of Ireland's first ever satellite as part of their “Fly Your Satellite” programme. The satellite called EIRSAT1 is now planned to be launched towards the end of November this year. Built by students from University College Dublin, it is a 2-unit CubeSat approximately the size of an Icom 705. Its primary mission is to perform gamma ray astronomy. The satellite has three experimental payloads onboard. It does not include an amateur radio transponder. However, the team will use 1200 baud AFSK for telecommand uplink and Space Packet Protocol-encoded telemetry using 9600 baud GMSK for the downlink on 437.1MHz. If all goes to plan, it will leave Earth from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on a Space X Falcon 9 rocket.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and

printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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